(c) if so, whether Government propose to allow a foreigner to become the Managing Director or whether another very senior Executive Director of the company would be allowed to succeed the retiring Managing Director?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government is considering a proposal received from the company for the appointment of Mr. Gordon R. Wing, who is a British National, as the Managing Director.

(b) The proposal of the company for re-appointment of Mr. H. J. Voss as its Managing Director with effect from 2.4.1984 has already been rejected by the Government.

(c) The decision on the company's proposal referred to in (a) above will be taken on merits.

**Setting up gas cracker complex in Gujarat**

696. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat had applied in July, 1979 to set up a Gas Cracker Complex based on Bombay High Gas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have approved Kawas near Surat in Gujarat for setting Gas Cracker Complex;

(c) whether the Central Government had directed the State Government to prepare a feasibility report for the project;

(d) whether the Government of Gujarat had submitted the same report to Central Government long back;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have cleared Maharashtra Gas Cracker and Petro-chemical Complex; and

(f) whether the project of the Government of Gujarat has not been cleared so far and if so, by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The earlier application of the State Government of Gujarat for an industrial licence could not be cleared as the availability of feed stock had not been tied up. The revised proposal of the State Government, received in October, 1985, which is based on natural gas condensates as feed stock is under process. The question of clearing this proposal, by way of issue of a letter of intent would arise after issues such as viability of the project, suitability of product mix, assured availability of feed stock and availability of financial resources with the State Government are resolved.

**Price control of essential drug**

697. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to bring 65 drugs under price control which are mostly life saving and essential drugs;

(b) if so, whether adequate measures have been taken or likely to be taken to ensure availability of these drugs at controlled prices and what are the details of the measures taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if no such measures have been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor and whether such measures are proposed to be taken now; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS